

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed April 1, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1, 6 – 8, 14 and 18 - 20 remain pending. In particular, Applicants have amended claims 1, 6 – 8, 14 and 18, have added claims 19 and 20, and have canceled claims 2 - 5, 9 - 13 and 15 - 17 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Applicants have canceled claims 2 - 5, 9 - 13 and 15 - 17 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 4 – 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As set forth above, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations previously recited in claim 4, and has added new claim 19 to recite the limitations previously recited in claim 5. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1 and 5 are in condition for allowance. Since claims 6 and 8 are dependent claims that incorporate the limitations of claim 1 and claim 20 is a dependent claim that incorporates the limitations of claim 19, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Applicant has amended claim 14 to include the limitations similar to those previously recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 14 is in condition for allowance. Further, since claim 18 is a dependent claim that incorporates the

limitations of claim 14, Applicants respectfully assert that this claim is in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action indicates that claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. In this regard, Applicants have amended claim 8 and respectfully assert that the rejection has been accommodated.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 - 3, 14 and 16 - 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103 as being unpatentable over *Hebel* in view of *Chin*. With respect to claims 2 - 3 and 16 - 17, Applicants have canceled these claims and respectfully asserts that the rejections as to these claims have been rendered moot. With respect to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. In particular, with respect to claim 1, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations previously recited in claim 4, the allowability of which is set forth in the Action. With respect to claim 14, Applicants have amended this claim as set forth above and respectfully asserts that this claim is in condition for allowance. Additionally, since claim 18 is a dependent claim that incorporates the limitations of claim 14, Applicants respectfully assert that this claim is in condition for allowance.

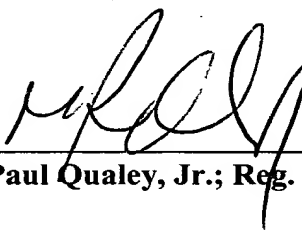
Art Made of Record

The art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1, 6 – 8, 14 and 18 - 20 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Paul Qualey, Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

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